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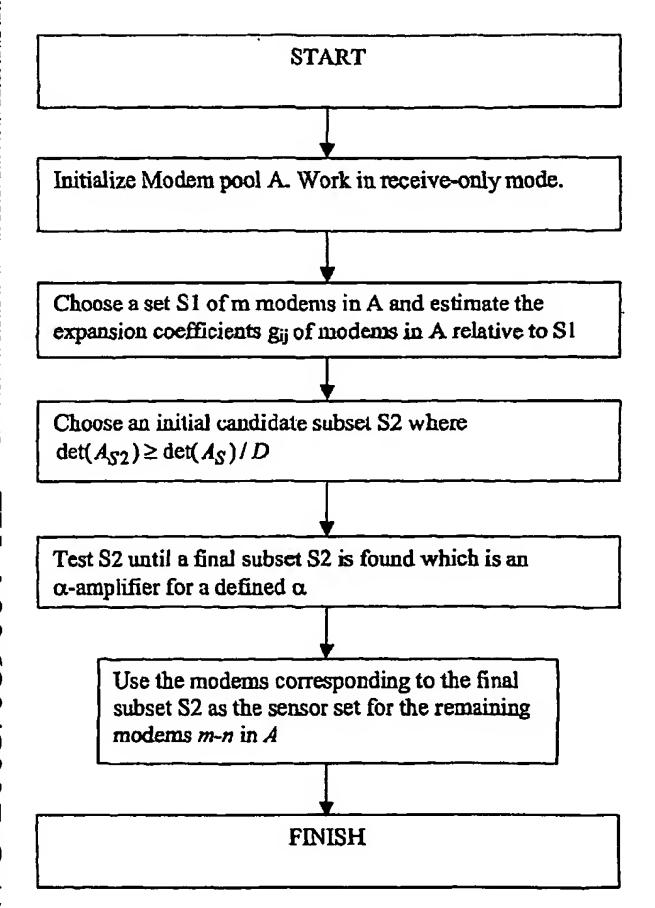
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(57) Abstract: In a communication medium including a first set A of n communication channels and a second set U of m communication channels, a method for selecting sensor channels in A for quantifying crosstalk from U, including operating A in a receive-only mode, choosing a subset  $S_1$  of A, estimating the expansion coefficients of A as a predefined function of subset  $S_1$  and signals received by A, choosing a candidate subset  $S_2$  of size m of A where the determinant of a matrix of the expansion coefficients corresponding to the subset  $S_2$  is greater than that of the expansion coefficients corresponding to any other subset of size m of A divided by a predefined bound D, calculating a threshold alpha, choosing a final subset  $S_2$  that is an alpha-amplifier of alpha, and employing the communications channels in the final subset  $S_2$  as sensor channels for quantifying crosstalk from U.

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